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TO THE

Earl of OXFORD.

My Lord,

 T is with the greatest
and most unfeign'd
Submission, that I pre-
sume to trouble your
Lordship, (not to affront you, I
hope;) but as I doubt not that
your Lordship has often well
consider'd the Admonition of the
holy Apostle, who warn'd (all

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Christians especially) to commiserate such as are fallen, least they themselves should also be tempted, I am perswaded your present Misfortune must create in you a Tenderneſs to others.

My Design is to put your Lordship in Mind of ſome Things that I am ſure you have been well acquainted with, and are able to make a right Judgment of; at leaſt, I am ſure your Lordship has ſo much Honour as not to deny or conceal a Truth; the acknowledging of which, may ſerve the Nation, open the Eyes of all that are not wilfully blind, and do Justice to an injur'd poor Man: And that I may the better obtain this Favour at your

your Lordship's Hands, I shall be
as brief, and withal, as modest
as may be.

Your Lorship very well knows,
that in September 1701, the last
Year of good King William's
Reign, I publish'd two Books, the
first contain'd the Affidavits of a
Person who took upon him
the borrow'd Name of *Thomas*
Jones, Esq; who had been em-
ploy'd several Years by the
Courts of *France* and *St. Germain*,
to bring Letters, Papers, and Re-
mittances of Money, to Persons
in Places of Trust in *England*, to
encourage them to join in the
French and a *Popish* Pretender's
Interest, and to betray King
William's Councils, and the Pro-
testant

testant Succession. In this Book
was also some Depositions of Per-
sons of Quality and Worth, pro-
ving the Management of the
spurious Birth of the pretended
Prince of *Wales*. And my second
Book contain'd twenty six De-
positions, proving, that Mrs. *Mary*
Grey was the true Mother of that
Impostor. And both these Books
were presented to the King's most
Excellent Majesty, most of the
Privy-Councillors, and Great
Men of this Kingdom, in *Septem-
ber*, as aforesaid : And I went
daily to Court, until the begin-
ning of *January* following ;
and never once heard of any
Dislike of my Books, until that
Time when a Parliament was
call'd, and your Honour was
chos'en

chosen Speaker; then was I summon'd before the House of Peers, and requir'd to produce *Thomas Jones*, or the Person going by that Name, for as much as I had publish'd his Depositio-
n in my first Book, and too freely enlarg'd upon them in my Preface to the second, by insis-
ting upon what I did truly believe *Jones* would stand to, and prove, as I had too readily pro-
mis'd he should do, at the Bar of the House of Lords; for as *Jones* had sworn in general Terms, that more than one hundred and four-
score thousand Pounds had been remitted from *France*, to divers Persons, for the Use aforesaid; and altho' neither *Jones* in his original Affidavit, nor I in my printed

printed Copies, had directly nam'd any Lord, or other Person so taking Bribes from France; yet I must own their Lordships had just Reason to call me to a strict Account, who was meant by the E. of N. and other such like Notes in my Book; which, with Shame and hearty Contrition for my Oversight, I must ever acknowledge, brought me justly under the Displeasure of a noble Earl, who was by some reflected on through my Mistake; but as I was (tho' too late) convinc'd of my Errors, I made my publick Acknowledgment of my Crime, and I hope his Lordship generously forgave me. And it is the greatest Advantage, sure, imaginable to our present gracious

ious Sovereign Lord King George, and the Protestant Interest, that the same noble Earl of N. now presides in one of the highest Places of Trust, as a just and necessary Reward of his continu'd faithful Services and Zeal for the good of his Country, which sufficiently clears him from all Suspicions of having ever favour'd French or Papist Designs.

I need not tell your Lordship, that Jones having fail'd to appear before the Lords, was thereupon order'd to be prosecuted by the Attorney General, for writing and publishing Jones's Affidavits, which no ways concern'd my

Proof

Proof relating to the Preten-
der.

Pardon me a little longer, my good Lord : When I was summon'd immediately before the House of Commons, upon the same Account as before the Lords, your Honour then was my Examiner, as you were Speaker ; and with many other Questions concerning *Jones*, and how I was maintain'd, what Parties encourag'd me to write that Affidavit of *Jones* ; pray, my Lord, be not angry at the Truth ; did you not order Mr. *John Tutchin* to be call'd in to the Bar of the House ? And did he not there declare, that he had heard me say, Your Honour was

one of those very Persons that was enter'd into the Service of France, and had receiv'd part of the Money ? This, my Lord, was partly, as I remember, in the Votes, about the End of January, 170¹. But I am sure that your Lordship, and abundance of the Members of that Honourable House, must remember what I affirm, to be true ; altho', in Truth, I did not positively accuse your Lordship, as Tutchin said at that Time, nor do I now. In Truth, I could not, because I saw it not; but well had it been for Great Britain, if none had been guilty, nor at that Time laid a Foundation for all the Calamities, Mifery, Blood, and Mischief,

chief now shed, and brought on these, so lately peaceable, great, and flourishing Nations. Rardon me, my Lord, if I presume to say, that if all I publish'd then, was Lies ; whoever reads them over now, and considers what pass'd in the five last Years of Queen *Anne* of blessed Memory's Reign, and also weighs the Strength, and highest Reason, for the just Resentments of Lords and Commons now assembled in Parliament, in their next dutiful and loyal Addresses to his Majesty ; whoever, I say, duly examines these Things, will find all I have suffer'd so long for, looks too much, in the main, like Truth. And farther, pray, my Lord, do me Justice

Justice in another Point, and answer ; Did I not over and over, at the Bar of the House, declare, that all my Witnesses were ready to prove the true Management of the spurious Birth of the *Pretender* ; that I was ready to call for them into the House, and would forfeit my Life, if any of them fail'd ? But *Jones*, and his Adherents, had trick'd me, which but few knew : I depended too much upon his Faith and Honesty, whilst others took the Advantage of my Credulity ; and knowing he was secur'd back to *France*, the Stroke of the Displeasure of that most August Assembly fell heavy on me ; to which I have ,

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and shall ever most dutifully submit.

My Lord, I know you will own, that the best and wisest of Men have been deceiv'd and betray'd by Traytors and Villains.

Yet, My Lord, pardon me once more, and I have done.

The late Queen *Anne*, your Royal Mistress, about two Years after I had suffer'd the corporal Punishment for my unhappy Error, gave Directions to the late Lord Bishop of London, to order a Minister of the Church of England to visit me in the Prison of Queen's-Bench,

Bench, and to administer the holy Sacrament to me ; at which Time, my Lord Bishop of *London*, by her Majesty's Command, order'd me to write a full, plain, and true Account of all I knew concerning the coming over of Mrs. *Grey* from *Ireland*, her being deliver'd at St. *James's*, sent into *France*, and murder'd there ; all which I writ accordingly, and sent it, as I was instructed, seal'd up, by the Hands of Mr. *Smith*, Curate of St. G----'s, (who was also the Person that administer'd the Sacrament to me) to my Lord of *London*. Soon after which, Mr. *Smith* in his Conscience knows, my Lord Bishop, by the Queen's Command,

mand , sent me divers Sums of Money ; and his Lordship told Mr. Smith, Mr. Swayland , and afterwards my self, (for I had my Liberty presently after) that the Queen, upon reading my Papers several times over , was pleas'd to say, she believ'd, with great Reason, every Word *Fuller* had writ ; and that her Ma-jesty expres'd a Concern that her near Relations were so unhappily engag'd in so unnatural an Imposition ; that she could by no Means give the Encouragements she otherwise gladly would , to satisfy her People of the Truth.

I humbly mention this to your Lordship , as presuming the

the Queen might have shew'd those Pepers to your Lordship, and that you are able to give a clear Evidence of her Ma- jesty's Thoughts of them ; and I wish I might have Liberty to publish the true Copy , which I can prove to be so by some Persons of Rank and Qualif- ty.

One Thing I know, by sad Experience, that whereas her Majesty was most charitable and gracious unto me, by sending me frequently Relief, before your Lordship's being Lord Treas- surer, I was ever after us'd with more Severity and arbi- trary Oppressions under my Con- finement, than either those un- happy

happy Gentlemen who have long lain in Prison for intending to assassinate King William, or any other Traytors have met with (Death only excepted) in the laſt, or this preſent Reign: And ſuch is the cruel Malice of the Papist Non-jurors to me, that I can neither have the Benefit of the Laws, Justice, or even common Charity of my Country, or Country-Men.

My Enemies cannot deny, but that I went ſeveral Times into France, by King William's Command, and the Duke of S---y's Encouragement; and at my Returns, did diſcover the moſt ſecret and dan-
gerous

gerous Designs of the King
and Nation's open and pri-
vate Enemies; and twice
had the peculiar Happiness bto.
make such timely Discoveries,
as, under the gracious Provi-
dence of God, secur'd his
Majesty King William's Life,
and the Peace and Security
of these Kingdoms, as I have
sufficient Testimonials to shew,
under his Majesty's and seve-
ral Noble-Mens Hands. But,
alas! old Services are forgot,
whilst my Enemies rage furi-
ously against me, and fling on
me all the barbarous and vil-
lainous Reflections they can, to
render me obnoxious to Truth
and all good Men, that none
may believe my Report, tho'
God

God knows, for a is almost untrue.
 Pardon me, my Lord, for this
 Repetition of my hard Fortune;
 and as your Lordship has had
 impartial Parliament & for your
 Judges, I doubt not but you
 will have all the Justice and
 Merit imaginable. And I hope
 your Lordship, according to
 your Power, will graunt me the
 same. I am, Sir, Your Lordship's
 most humble & Obedient Servt.

King's Bench, com-
 mon Side, Jan.
 the 3d. 1711. D. W. FULLER.
 My Lord,
 Your Lordship's
 no good but me flings vnto
 you. I am, Sir, Your Lordship's
 Most humble and
 Obedient Servt,
 D. W. FULLER.

POSTSCRIPT.

My Lord,

There is lately publish'd,
The Tory's Looking-Glass,
writ by my own Hand; at
which, Parson S---- was so en-
rag'd on Saturday last, that he
came to the Prison Window,
and demanded, *where that Son*
of a Bitch Fuller was; and has
since hir'd some Hackney Jaco-
bite Scribblers to invent and forge
new Lies and Stories against
me.

Vale.

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